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SAVANNAH, Ga. - The Armstrong Atlantic State baseball squad split a Peach Belt Conference doubleheader with visiting Montevallo on Saturday afternoon at Pirate Field. The Falcons earned a 4-3 win in game one, while the Pirates picked up the split with a 10-1 win in game two.

The win for Montevallo (8-23, 1-13 PBC) was the first for the Falcons in PBC play as a newcomer to the league this season. The Pirates (18-11, 2-6 PBC) earned a split with the second game win that halted a brief three-game home slide.

Montevallo jumped out to a 3-0 lead with three runs in the top of the fourth inning. An RBI double by Chris Sosebee was followed up by a two-run home run by Josh Dabbs to put the Falcons on top.

The Pirates tied things up in the bottom of the fifth on a two-run double by John Roberts and an RBI single by Cameron Scott.

The score remained tied until the top of the eighth inning, when Montevallo pushed across the winning run on an RBI single by Chandler Tyree. The Pirates had a chance to tie in the ninth with the tying run on second with one out, but John Michael Caraway (2-3) got Auston Thomas and Alex Wyche on ground outs to end the game.

Caraway hurled four innings of three-hit shutout relief, walking one and striking out one to get the win for the Falcons. Ryan Smith (1-1) took the loss for the Pirates, giving up one run and four hits in three innings pitched, walking one and striking out two.

In the second game, the Pirates scored four runs in the bottom of the fourth on back-to-back solo home runs from Chris Zittrouer and John Roberts, as well as a two-run single from Jake Sutton. A Roberts RBI single in the fifth made the lead 5-0, then Justin Harris added a sacrifice fly and Alex Wyche collected an RBI double in the bottom of the sixth inning to make it 7-0.

Bryan Roby (2-1), meanwhile, kept the Falcons off-balance by hurling 5 2/3 innings of three-hit ball, walking two and striking out six to notch his second win of the season.

Joey Noro (1-3) took the loss for the Falcons, giving up five hits and four runs - three earned - in 3 1/3 innings pitched, walking two.

John Roberts led the Pirates at the plate in the doubleheader with four hits and four RBIs, including the double and home run. Cameron Scott also collected four hits on the day for the Pirates, while Alex Wyche added four hits as well.

Chandler Tyree and Chris Sosebee had two hits apiece for the Falcons in game one, while Duston Daugherty and Austin Dubberly added hits in both games.

The two teams will wrap up their three-game PBC series with a single game at 11:00 a.m. at Pirate Field on Sunday.



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